

act shall be constructed in accordance with the provisions of general law applicable to the construction of State facilities, except that the State Property Office shall expedite and grant all easements and use agreements required for construction of the facilities without payment of any fee, royalty, or other cost. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, construction of the facilities authorized by this section shall be exempt from the following statutes and rules implementing those statutes: G.S. 143-48 through 143-64, 143-128, 143-129, 143-132, 113A-1 through 113A-10, 113A-50 through 113A-66, and 113A-116 through 113A-128. If Senate Bill 1068, 2009 Regular Session, becomes law, the provisions of Part 12 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes as enacted by that act shall not apply to the facilities authorized by this section. With respect to any other environmental permits required for construction of the facilities, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is directed to expedite permitting of the project to the extent allowed by law and shall waive any application fees that would be otherwise applicable to applications for permits required for the facilities and, where possible under applicable law, issue all permits within 40 days of receipt of a complete application.

**SECTION 9.14.(c)** The North Carolina Utilities Commission is directed to facilitate and expedite wind energy pilot projects developed pursuant to this act that come within its jurisdiction to the extent allowed by law and consistent with State statute. A wind turbine constructed pursuant to this section shall be exempt from the requirements of G.S. 62-110.1. For such wind turbines owned by a public utility, upon an application by the public utility seeking a rider to recover the costs of such project, the Utilities Commission shall establish an annual rider for the public utility to recover the just and reasonable costs, including the utility's cost of debt and equity, of such project upon completion.

**SECTION 9.14.(d)** The energy generated by the wind turbines constructed pursuant to this act shall be allocated between The University of North Carolina and a third party with which The University enters into a contract pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The allocation shall be determined by written agreement between the parties. For the purposes of this demonstration project, for every 1 megawatt-hour (MWh) generated by the project, The University shall receive one renewable energy certificate (REC), including all environmental attributes, benefits, and credits. The third party described in subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed to have received 3.0 RECs for every 1 MWh of electricity generated by the project solely in order to meet the obligations of the NC Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) of G.S. 62-133.8(b) and shall not be subject to the provisions of G.S. 62.133.8(h).

**SECTION 9.14.(e)** The University of North Carolina is authorized to delegate its responsibilities herein to a constituent institution which shall, in turn, receive the RECs.

#### **AMEND AID TO PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHOOLS**

**SECTION 9.15.(a)** G.S. 116-21.5 is repealed.

**SECTION 9.15.(b)** Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 116-21.6. Private medical schools – medical student grants.**

**(a) Funding for Medical Student Grants. – Funds shall be appropriated each year in the Current Operations Appropriations Act to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina to provide grants to medical students who are North Carolina residents and who enroll in and attend medical school at either Duke University or Wake Forest University.**

**(b) Student Eligibility for Grants. – In addition to all other financial assistance made available to medical students who are attending medical school at either Duke University or Wake Forest University, there is awarded to each medical student who is a North Carolina resident and who is enrolled in and attending medical school at either Duke University or Wake Forest University a grant of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each academic year, which shall be disbursed as provided by this section.**